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Second Golf Manor Town Hall Meeting to Discuss Fire Department Set for Feb. 26

GOLF MANOR, OH – February 24, 2017 – The second Town Hall meeting to discuss the direction of the Village of Golf Manor's Fire Department will be held on Sunday, Feb.26 at 2 PM at the Golf Manor Community Hall, 6450 Wiehe Rd.

As Golf Manor's Village Council works toward controlling expenses and ensuring the sustainability and quality of services and operations, an opportunity to merge with the Little Miami Fire District (LMFD) is being considered. LMFD first approached Golf Manor about joining forces in 2015. A merged department would share administration, personnel and equipment with no staff reductions.

Residents will be briefed and have the opportunity to provide input on:

- 1. How the Village budget is formulated and the current financial health of the Village
- 2. How the GMFD would remain an independent fire department and what monies will be needed to do so
- 3. What contracting or merging with LMFD would look like and what monies would be needed thereafter

Presentations will be made by Golf Manor Village Administrator Brian Gilligan, Fire Chief Jim Puthoff, and Village Solicitor Terry Donnellon. Mayor Ron Hirth, Vice Mayor Greg Schwartzberg, and Finance Chair Sharon Chaney, as well as other members of Council, will be available to answer questions.

Golf Manor Mayor Ron Hirth stated, "About 60 residents and interested parties from local communities served by GMFD attended the first meeting to learn about the proposal under consideration and to give input to Council."

The first Town Hall meeting was held on Monday, Feb. 20.

"A top priority is getting feedback from our residents on the future of fire services in the Village, a critical issue. As we continue to evaluate this approach to managing fire services, our top concern always remains public safety and ensuring the best services are enhanced at the lowest cost," Hirth said.

Information is available on the Golf Manor website at www.golfmanoroh.gov by clicking on the "Fire Department Sustainability Project" icon. Updates will be made as additional details become available.

The Village of Golf Manor, located in central Hamilton County, Ohio is home to 3,611 residents, comprised of 1,614 households, and 897 families according to the 2010 census. More information about the Village may be obtained at www.golfmanoroh.gov.

